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1. Information was released recently in Argentina which stated that the Investigating Commission in Cordoba had produced interesting details concerning the activities of PERON's protégé, the former Nazi flying ace, Colonel HANS URRICH RUDEL.

2. From information available there are indications that RUDEL entered Argentina under the name of EMAL MAYER and signed a contract with I.A.M.E. (Industrias Aeronauticas y Mecanicas del Estado) where he received a large salary but did no work. Information from Cordoba police files indicates that he later resumed his real name.

3. This Investigating Commission has supposedly published a series of letters received from German Nazi leaders urging RUDEL to return and take over the leadership of the Nazi movement in Germany. The last letter, according to this information, voices anxiety about RUDEL'S services after the 16 June revolution and states "your friends here see you already at the head of the army fighting for Sr. PERON or in command of the Argentine Air Force."

4. The most interesting information produced by this Investigating Commission is believed to be a letter by Sir OSWALD MCSILKY, former leader of the British Fascist Party, addressed to ex-general PERON on 2 January 1955 in which he writes:

"Your Excellency, I have the honour to write to you in connection with my friend Colonel H. U. RUDEL to beg you to again have the kindness of sending him to Europe as soon as possible.

"Several of us have the impression that his presence in Europe is of the greatest value for the maintenance of the position of Germany and the whole of Europe against the dangers that now threaten.

"Confidence can always be had in him to sustain with ability and energy the true values of civilization, so much furthered by the work done by Y.E."

5. From a different source it was reported that in approximately March of 1953 Colonel RUDEL attended a gathering of former Nazis in Stuttgart, Germany, where a number of speeches were made by former Nazi officers who were anti-U.S. and generally follow the communist doctrine. A very good supporter of RUDEL, VON REICHENAL, a brother of the German Field Marshall VON REICHENAL, was one of the principal speakers at this meeting. This contact told reporting officer that VON REICHENAL had worked for the British during the war in India but after the war had joined up with the communist movement. Contact stated that after this speech in Stuttgart no further contact was made with VON REICHENAL and his whereabouts at this time are unknown. Information available seems to indicate that RUDEL is possibly leaving Argentina and going to Russia or to the Eastern Zone of Germany in the near future. Contact stated that RUDEL had made numerous trips to Germany and had been living in a very luxurious fashion during his stay in Argentina. There are indications that RUDEL'S activities here in Argentina could possibly have been financed by the communists.

Comments of Preparing Officer:

6. Generally the information is believed to be true as it has been verified by several sources. Colonel RUDEL is not known by members of this office but is reported to be very anti-U.S. Information from Argentine Air Force personnel indicates that RUDEL contributed nothing to the Argentine Air Force and is not liked by a great percentage of Argentine Air Force personnel.

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